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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: H.R. 4281, Elective Surgery

1. Subject bill is yet another in a series of bills that seeks to amend Section 8902 of Title 5 of the United States Code, in this case to require a second medical opinion before payment will be made for elective surgery under Federal employee service and indemnity health benefits plans.

2. As this bill would not have a negative affect on CIA, it is forwarded for your information.

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96TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4281

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 1979

Mrs. SPELLMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## A BILL

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Federal employee service and indemnity health benefits plans require second opinions in the case of elective surgery covered under those plans.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 8902 of title 5, United States Code, relating to  
4       health benefit plan contracts, is amended by adding at the  
5       end thereof the following new subsection:

6       “(n) Each contract under this chapter for a health bene-  
7       fits plan described in section 8903 (1) or (2) or (3) shall re-

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1 quire that benefits for elective surgery shall not be provided  
2 under the plan unless the appropriateness of that surgery has  
3 been verified by a second medical opinion provided by an  
4 individual who is qualified to perform the surgery involved.”.

5       SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this  
6 Act shall take effect October 1, 1979, but shall only apply  
7 with respect to contracts entered into or renewed after De-  
8 cember 31, 1980.

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